

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 21-29, 31-32, and 49-50 will be pending of which claim 21 is independent. Claims 30 and 33-48 have been cancelled (without prejudice or disclaimer). Claims 21 has been amended and claims 49-50 have been added. Support for the above amendments and new claims can be found throughout the application as filed. *See, e.g.,* page 9, line 18; page 2, lines 25-26; and page 22, lines 2-5, for the amendments to claim 21; page 12, lines 22-23 for new claim 49; and page 2, lines 25-26 for new claim 50. No new matter has been introduced and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Re: Paragraph 1 of the Office Action

Claims 39 and 40 stand objected to by the Examiner. Applicants note that claims 39 and 40 have been cancelled and that, accordingly, the objections are moot.

Re: Paragraph 3 of the Office Action

Claims 33-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Applicants note that claims 33-38 have been cancelled and that, accordingly, the rejections are moot.

Re: Paragraph 4 of the Office Action

Claims 21-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Applicants note that independent claim 21 has been revised to include the presence of an aromatic or cycloaliphatic acrylic material and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Re: Paragraph 5 of the Office Action

Claims 30 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Applicants note that claims 30 and 34 have been cancelled and that, accordingly, the rejections are moot.

Re: Paragraph 8 of the Office Action

Claims 30 and 34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. Applicants note that claims 30 and 34 have been cancelled and that, accordingly, the rejections are moot.

Re: Paragraph 13 of the Office Action

Claims 21 and 31-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Steinmann et al. (CA 2,211,628). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reason that Steinmann *et al.* fails to teach compositions comprising aliphatic polycarbonate diols and/or polytetrahydrofuran polyether polyols, as featured in amended claim 21. Accordingly, further noting that claims 31-32 are dependent on claim 21 and that claims 33-37 have been cancelled, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Re: Paragraphs 14, 15, and 17 of the Office Action

Claims 33-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Steinmann et al. (U.S. 5,476,748 or U.S. 5,972,563) and under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pang et al. (U.S. 6,100,007). Applicants note that claims 33-37 have been cancelled and that, accordingly, these rejections are moot.

Re: Paragraph 18 of the Office Action

Claims 21, 26, and 31-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Yamamura et al. (EP 0938026). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the reason that Yamamura et al. lack sufficient specificity to teach compositions comprising aliphatic polycarbonate diols and/or polytetrahydrofuran polyether polyols, as featured in amended claim 21. Accordingly, further noting that claims 26 and 31-32 are dependent on claim 21, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Re: Paragraphs 19 and 20 of the Office Action

Claims 33-38 and 41-48 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lawton (WO 00/03300 or U.S. 6,287,748). Applicants note that claims 33-38 and 41-48 have been cancelled and that, accordingly, these rejections are moot.


For any and all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is patentable.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed and overcome, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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